

A Grace Note from the Rector  
August 17, 2022

Dear Ones,

Even though it's still summer, things in Muncie are already humming, including here at Grace.

#### **UPDATE ON OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS**

Come this **Saturday, August 20** at 11am, to the Parish Hall, for an update by **Ari Hurwitz**, Case Manager for **MARRC** (Muncie Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee). If you can't attend in person, use the Zoom invitation I emailed you on Tuesday. This event is sponsored by the **Muncie Chapter of Philanthropic Educational Organization** (P.E.O.) – Women helping women reach for the stars. Refreshments will be served.

#### **SINGERS WANTED**

If you are interested in being part of the onstage chorus of the Muncie Civic Production of **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** in October, come meet the choir director and sing on Saturday, August 20 at 10am. For more details, see the poster in the Parish Hall, or check out [www.munciecivic.org](http://www.munciecivic.org).

#### **A BETTER WAY ~ AUGUST NEEDS**

Bath towels and wash cloths (new or gently used), paper towels, toilet paper, sanitizing spray/wipes. A Better Way sends a big **THANK-YOU** for all your July donations, especially the school supplies, which helped them prepare children who are in their care begin the new school year.

#### **PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS/LIDS**

Our friends in Girl Scout Troop 3917 say, "please keep the lids and tops coming!" Place your donations in the container in the Parish Kitchen.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*If I missed you, please email me to let me know.*

**Lauren Henry** (August 14) *(Belated, sorry! Editor)*

**Teresa Curtis** (August 18)

**Betty DeVoe** (August 20)

**Mike Ashley** (August 21)

**Lis Mitchell** (August 24)


*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As we approach the end of vacation season, I offer this humorous but cautionary poem by **Wendell Berry**. Poet, novelist, and environmentalist Wendell Berry (b. 1934) lives in Port Royal, Kentucky near his birthplace, where he has maintained a farm for over 40 years. Mistrustful of technology, he holds deep reverence for the land and is a staunch defender of agrarian values. He is the author of over 50 books of poetry, fiction, and essays. His poetry celebrates the holiness of life and everyday miracles often taken for granted.

### **The Vacation**

Once there was a man who filmed his vacation.  
He went flying down the river in his boat  
with his video camera to his eye, making  
a moving picture of the moving river  
upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly  
toward the end of his vacation. He showed  
his vacation to his camera, which pictured it,  
preserving it forever: the river, the trees,  
the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing boat  
behind which he stood with his camera  
preserving his vacation even as he was having it  
so that after he had had it he would still  
have it. It would be there. With a flick  
of a switch there it would be. But he  
would not be in it. He would never be in it.

God bless you in these last summer days,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'P. R.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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